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**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**Same Old Trumpet**

IMMEDIATE reactions in London and Washington to Mr. Molotov's indirect proposal for Big Five peace talks are unfavourable. This is not surprising for, attractive as the Russian suggestion may sound, it is bounded by snags and difficulties. When it refers to the Big Five today Russia is including Communist China, a country possessing a government which remains unrecognized by the United Nations as a world organization, as well as by the majority of its individual members, including the United States. Thus, in proposing Big Five meetings, the Soviets are in effect suggesting that America, Britain and France collaborate with Communist Russia and China to act over the heads of the United Nations in the quest for international peace. The proposition is unacceptable. Establishment of world peace is not an exclusive pursuit for five nations, no matter how collectively powerful they may be. The task has already been entrusted to the United Nations, and it remains the proper authority for its fulfilment. Even if the Big Five did agree to hold conferences, the most they could achieve would be to reach a measure of rapprochement on guiding principles for a full settlement of problems which stand in the way of world peace at the moment. And these principles have many times been enunciated and approved by the United Nations.

SUSPICION concerning the real motives behind the latest Soviet offer is heightened by the round-the-corner manner in which they have been advanced. Mr. Molotov makes use of the Congress of Peoples in Defence of Peace, now in session, to make known his proposal. The Congress is notoriously a Communist propaganda front completely without status among the nations of the free world. Whatever is addressed to this conference by Communist leaders must, therefore, be held suspect; certainly the democracies are entitled to refuse to regard any communications to such a body as representing an official top level notification of Russian policy. The normal avenues of direct approach are always open to the Soviets if they desire to institute negotiations with the big Powers which do not usurp the functions of the United Nations. The Stalin regime refused to make use of these facilities and completely forfeited the confidence of the world in Russia's good faith. The Malenkov government started off as though it intended to change Stalin's specious policies and mischievous methods of approach to world problems. Yet the call which Mr. Molotov has sounded for Big Five talks appears to come from the same old trumpet and played with the same old technique. The Kremlin must not be surprised if it falls on suspicious and untuned ears.

**Red China Makes Accusations Against Thailand**

**LONDON PERTURBED BY NEW DEVELOPMENT**

London, Apr. 28. Communist China today accused Thailand of interfering in the Indo-China war which is sweeping even nearer to its borders. The charges brought fears in some well-informed quarters in London that peace moves in Korea may presage heavier Communist blows in Southeast Asia—including an attack on the Thai kingdom. The New China News Agency said Siam, whose anti-Communism was shown by the fact that it sent troops to fight in Korea, had promised the United States it would "help the French colonialists carry out a war of aggression in Indo-China." It said the government of Thailand "at the instigation of the United States government," had built or repaired strategic highways to Indo-China and Burma on its territory. It added that the highway to Burma was used by the Chinese Nationalists and the Americans to supply Chinese anti-Communists operating on Burmese soil. Diplomats were very worried by the outlook and one observer went as far as saying that further rebel successes in Laos state, invaded only two weeks ago, would have repercussions as far afield as Malaysia.

**Assault On Laos Capital May Begin May 1**

Hanoi, Apr. 28. Plans to air-evacuate the sacred golden image of Buddha from King Sisavang Vong's palace in invaded Laos were ready tonight as the Communist-led Vietminh closed in on the Royal capital of Luang Prabang.

Authoritative French military sources said the Communist assault on Luang Prabang could be expected to begin as soon as rebel reinforcements arrived and they set May 1 as the probable date.

According to Laotian belief, the kingdom is lost if the sacred image, known as the Prabang, falls into enemy hands. The bed-ridden King, it was reliably learned, has charged his eldest son to make certain the Prabang reaches safety in case the city falls. One rebel spearhead is camped barely 12 miles outside the city. Other columns converged on the Plain des Jarres from the East and North after overrunning or bypassing the Franco-Laotian outposts guarding the invasion routes.

**DIRECT ACCESS** Latest to fall into Red hands was Pakseong on the Nam River, tributary of the Mekong River, 30 miles northeast of the Royal citadel. Its capture gave the rebels direct access to the river corridor into Luang Prabang.

Tonight's official communiqué made no mention of other outposts in northeastern Laos, which have been under Vietminh attack. French officers interpreted the Communist slowdown on the frontiers of Jarres and the Royal citadel as a definite sign that a major battle was shaping.

They said the Vietminh was awaiting fresh supplies and giving its troops a rest after forced marches of more than 100 miles through the jungle and mountain Kingdom of a Million Elephants. They pointed out that the rebel weakness lay in its extended lines of communication. Informal sources said the French had airlifted ten battalions of varying size, probably between 6,000 and 9,000 men, into the Plain des Jarres and an almost equal force in Luang Prabang. Dokolas continued to pour men and material into the two strong-

The New China (Communist) News Agency said: "Under the planning of American imperialists and French colonialists, this same government of Thailand (Siam) has recently worked with the Laotian and Cambodian puppet regimes very intimately."

"The Thai government is making redoubled efforts to create a tense atmosphere within the Thai borders," specialists in the frontier areas. "At the instigation of the United States government, the Thailand government had built or repaired within Thailand strategic highways of Burma, Laos and Cambodia. As everybody knows, the highway to the Burmese frontier is the artery of the Americans and of Chiang Kai-shek's gangs for transporting supplies to the Kuomintang bandits infesting Burmese territory."

**"MILITARY BASE"** The New China News Agency added: "As the days go on, Thailand is becoming more and more an American military base in Southeast Asia. As early as 1951, the government of Pibul Songgram, under the supervision of American experts, started to build or repair the airfield at Bangkok, Chum Pu Li Shu, Su Lei Ta Ni and Pang Shih Lo."

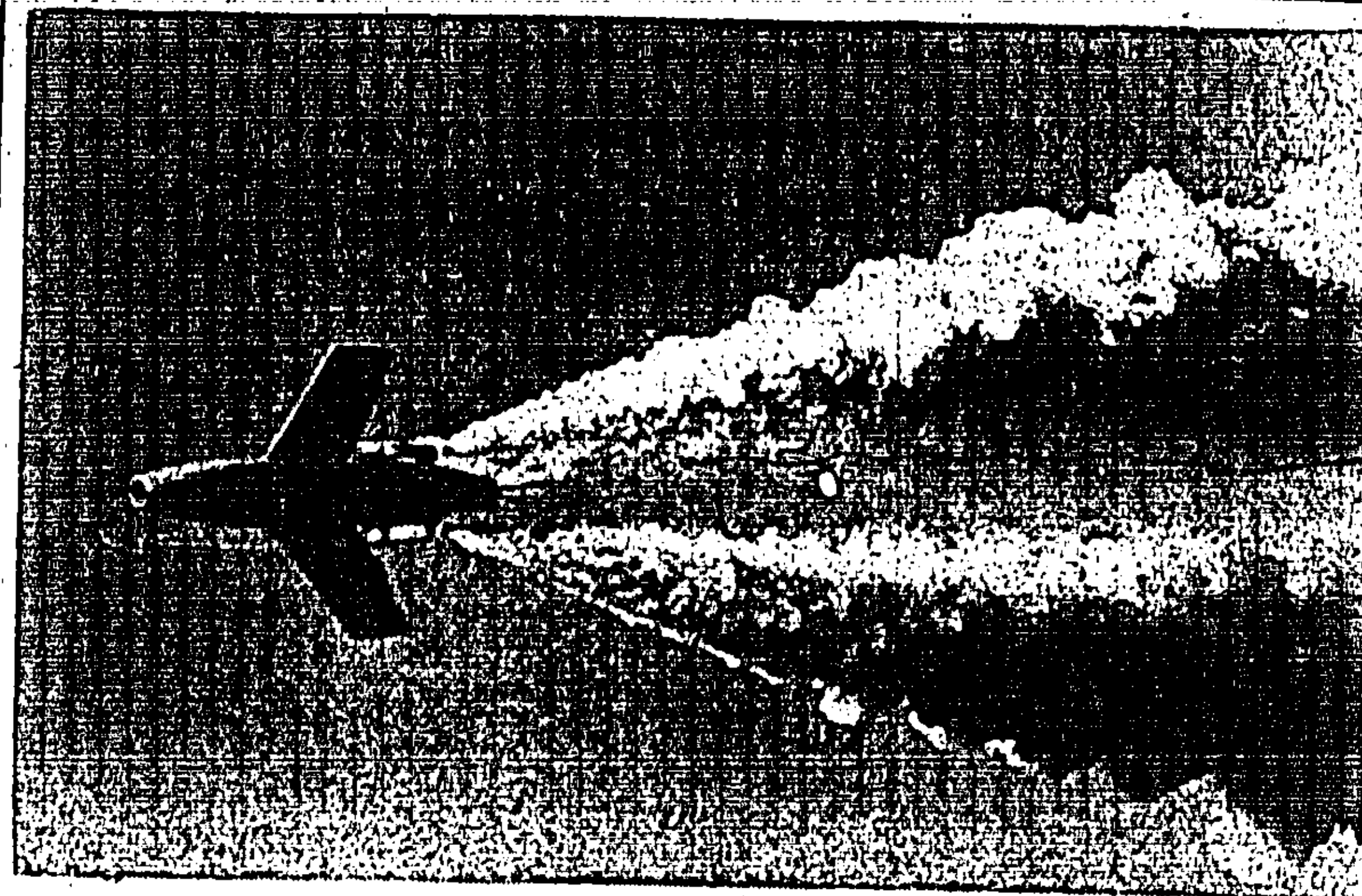
"In August 1952, the same government signed a new agreement with the American government conceding to the United States the right to build new modernized air bases at Ching Mai Kolo, Soong Ka and Ching Chai Wu Wen."

"Since the formation of President Eisenhower's government, the Thai Army, Navy and Air Force, under the command of American advisers, has been engaged in exercises for offensive operations. Recently such practices are becoming more and more frequent. At the end of February, when the former chief of the military aid administration visited Thailand, various orders for uniforms for United Nations forces—put on unusual conditions," the news agency alleged.

It said that Marshal Pibul Songgram's "reactionary government" was executing the treacherous policy of accomplice in war of aggression. "Usually reliable sources in Indo-China said last week that Thailand had agreed to let evacuees from Vietnam, the Laos capital, cross the border into Thailand. Pro-Vietminh supporters living just inside the Thailand border would be moved further inland to prevent them working with the Communists, the sources said.—Reuters.

**Soviet 5-Power Talks Offer "Disappointing"**

**Guided Missile Undergoes Tests**



London, Apr. 28. London diplomatic quarters expressed considerable disappointment today that the Soviet Government should have reverted to its earlier proposal of a five-power peace pact to end world tension.

The proposal was revived in a note addressed overnight by the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov to the Commission of the Congress of Peoples in Defence of Peace now sitting in Paris.

The proposal has already twice been overwhelmingly rejected in the Assembly of the United Nations in 1949 and 1950. It was also rejected in the summer of 1951 when addressed directly to President Truman.

"The proposal also formed part of the Soviet peace plans submitted to the Assembly of the United Nations in January 1952 and in October 1952. On neither occasion was it adopted."

Commenting on the Soviet proposal, a Foreign Office spokesman said today that the United Nations Charter already constituted a peace pact between four of the five powers concerned.

The fifth power, Communist China, is not a member of the United Nations. "The Soviet Government has already made such a proposal on many occasions since the war," the spokesman added. Prospects of its acceptance by the West, in present circumstances, are considered to be infinitely less than the prospects of agreement to attend talks on a four-power basis—between Britain, the United States, Russia and France.—Reuters.

**"UNNECESSARY"** Washington, Apr. 28. The United States government, on Tuesday, rejected a Soviet-proposed five-power "peace pact" as unnecessary and suggested that discussion of peace settlements should not "degenerate into a mere propaganda battle."

Labelling the five-power pact idea as a familiar piece of Soviet propaganda, a spokesman said the State Department is still waiting for the Soviet government to act for peace instead of just talking about it. In Peking, the Chinese Communists endorsed the five-power "peace pact" scheme fostered by Moscow.

Peking radio broadcast the word that Chinese Premier Chou En-lai had wired his endorsement.—Associated Press.

**Lightning Strikes Oil Tank** Kilgore, Texas, Apr. 28. Several people were feared to have been killed when lightning exploded an oil storage tank in the heart of a residential district here today. The oil set fire to an entire block of buildings.—Reuters.

**Woman MP Accepts Apology**

**Sequel To Article In Newspaper**

London, Apr. 28. Mrs. B. Braddock, Socialist member of Parliament, who represents the dock area of Liverpool, today "wholeheartedly" accepted an apology from Mrs. Patricia Ford, a fellow member who erroneously said in a newspaper article that she had found Mrs. Braddock snoring in the House of Commons during an all-night sitting last week.

But the Commons unanimously agreed to refer the matter to Parliament's Committee of Privileges for a report. Mr. Attlee, leader of the Opposition, said the whole House was perfectly willing to accept Mrs. Ford's apology, but the newspaper, he thought, had "taken advantage of the inexperience of a member of Parliament."

(Mrs. Ford has been in the House of Commons only a week.)

**INDISCRETION** Mr. Attlee said the newspaper had published matter which should be inquired into as there was no doubt that it knew perfectly well it was doing wrong and lying.

Mrs. Ford in a personal statement said she realised she had been guilty of an indiscretion for which she apologised "most humbly" to the House, Mrs. Braddock and Dr. Edith Summerskill, who was also alleged to have been snoring. She said the article was based on her answers to a series of questions and that she did not actually write it herself. But she added: "I must in all fairness add that when the final draft was read to me over the telephone, I did give my permission to publication."

Dr. Summerskill said the article was "exceedingly vulgar," but she had been long enough in public life to dismiss it "with a certain contemptuous indifference."—Reuters.

**Lloyds Held Liable On Big Claim**

Washington, Apr. 28. The United States Supreme Court has held Lloyds of London liable for \$660,000 (about £207,140 at present rates) for the loss of the steamship Portmar, sunk by a Japanese air attack at Darwin, Australia, in 1942.

The Portmar, owned by the Valmar Steamship Corporation of New York, sailed from San Francisco in 1941 shortly before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour on December 7. She carried petrol, ammunition and equipment for the United States forces in the Philippines.

The ship, which was under charter to the United States government, was diverted to Australia, moved from port to port there, sent on an expedition to Timor and finally sunk in a Japanese attack on Darwin on February 19, 1942.

The Supreme Court which gave its verdict by a six to three majority rejected the contention of the underwriters that the coverage under the insurance policies had terminated when the Portmar came under "allied restraint or detention."

The underwriters claimed that the voyage begun by the Portmar from San Francisco had been "frustrated" before the ship was sunk at Darwin.

The Supreme Court decision reversed a court of appeals ruling which in its turn had reversed a district court decision.—Reuters.

**OFFER CALLED "DASTARDLY"**

London, Apr. 28. Labour peer Lord Chorley told the House of Lords today that General Mark Clark's offer of US\$100,000 toward the first Chinese pilot to deliver a MIG-15 to the United Nations Command was a "dastardly proposal."

Lord Chorley said that General Clark's move was an attempt to encourage Chinese airmen to commit an act of treason.—France-Press.

**Flying To Baghdad Coronation**

London, Apr. 28. The Duke of Gloucester will leave London at midnight tomorrow on a special British Overseas Airways flight for Baghdad to attend the Coronation of King Faisal of Iraq.

He will fly via Rome and will stay in Baghdad for four days. He is due to be back in London on May 7.—United Press.

**\$2,500 Necklace Stolen**

London, Apr. 28. Smash and grab thieves stole a \$2,500 necklace from a Kensington jeweller's shop today. A passerby saw a saloon car draw up outside the shop from which a man had hurried a 14 pounds sledge hammer wrapped in green cloth through the window.—Reuters.

**Congress To Receive New Aid Programme**

Washington, Apr. 28. Mr. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, said today that America's new foreign aid programme would be sent to Congress by next Tuesday, and possibly before the week-end.

He was being interviewed after appearing before a private meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives to discuss last week's meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Paris.

He did not discuss the recommendations to be made by President Eisenhower. "Informal quarters here believe President Truman's last Budget request for \$7,500 million for foreign military and economic aid would be cut by the Eisenhower Administration by at least \$2,000 million. Mr. Dulles also said Europe's military strength might be increased "by perhaps as much as 50 per cent" as a result of the Paris meeting.

He said the increase would be made "in ways that are more economical" to get more value from American aid dollars. This estimate of a 20 per cent increase in European strength was the first official disclosure of the added power to be expected under the new "stretch out" policy of long-term planning for European defence.—Reuters.

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The scene at St Margaret's, Westminster, when a gust of wind played havoc with the bride's train as 18-year-old debutante Antonia Aked left after her marriage to Captain William Spowers, of Melbourne. — Central Press Photo.

**Mystery Sub Spotted**

East London, Apr. 28. An unidentified submarine has been reported in the Indian Ocean off the South African coast for the fourth time in six weeks. The submarine submerged as a fishing boat approached it about 100 miles northeast of this port. — Reuter.

**PURGE OF GERMAN LIBRARIES****Russians Eliminate Pacifist Books**

Berlin, Apr. 28. The Russian zone government is purging East Germany's libraries, chiefly to eliminate such pacifist books as Erich Maria Remarque's "All Quiet on the Western Front," the U.S. High Commission reported on Tuesday.

U.S. Author John Dos Passos' "Three Soldiers" also is on the prohibited list.

Four leading East Zone librarians have fled to West Berlin in the last three weeks in protest against the Communist action, it said.

Details of the purge are laid down in a set of instructions to East German librarians. A copy of it was brought recently to West Berlin.

According to these instructions, all books with "pacifist, militarist, cosmopolitan, objectivist or opportunist" contents must be removed and turned over to the Education Ministry for further decision.

Some "significant samples" given for books which "openly present pacifist views" or whose general tenor has a negative effect on the education of East Germans to "readiness for active defence" included Remarque's best-selling novel about World War I and the Dos Passos' book. — Associated Press.

**Economy Measures In Ceylon**

Colombo, Apr. 28. Ceylon can no longer be the one country in South-east Asia not making economy cuts to combat the fall in prices paid for the area's raw material exports, Mr. J. T. Jayawardene, the Finance Minister, said today.

Announcing that expenditure would be drastically reduced for 1953/54 he told the House of Representatives that other countries had already introduced cuts.

Food subsidies had been ended by India and reduced by Australia and New Zealand.

The proportion of Ceylon's expenditure on food subsidies during the present year had been double that of New Zealand.

External assets had fallen 30 per cent in 1952 and by the end of March stood at 700,700,000 rupees.

The cause of this was dearer imports, the drop in exports prices, transfer of funds abroad and the Government's overall cash operating deficit.

Mr. Jayawardene said the rubber-for-ice agreement with China had temporarily stabilised the sheet rubber price, above world prices and Ceylon's price for rice imports below the world price. — Reuter.

**Australian Senate Called 'Expensive Rubber Stamp'**

Canberra, Apr. 28.

The approaching May 9 elections for the Federal Senate have brought a demand for a general probe into the usefulness of the law-making institution.

Originally created to give the States a forum to look after their individual interest, the Senate has on several occasions been described as a "rubber stamp" for the House of Representatives.

Alan Reid, Sydney Sun writer on Australian Parliamentary affairs, says "Compared with the turbulent, restless House of Representatives, the Senate is an idyllic existence. He meant this for the Senators.

Picked more by his party than by the voter, the Senator's job often becomes a way for the party to say thank-you for services rendered. The lowest paid Senator is paid £2,300 a year—equivalent to the high executive level in business.

During 1952, the Senate sat for a total of 37 days. Someone worked it out that this meant each Senator received about £32 each time he appeared in the chamber.

Labour has for years proposed abolition of the Senate. In Queensland the State Labour Government has long had a one-house legislature. Many present Federal Government Senators are now also swinging towards this point of view.

Commenting on this trend, observer Reid says: "Once they regarded the Senate as assistance to their cause, a conservative influence in a radical world."

"But an increasing number are adopting the view contained in the best description given of the Senate's activities, 'mostly an expensive rubber stamp for the House of Representatives, but the rest of the time a threat to stable government.'"

Other critics point to the Senate's precarious dependence on the individual.

They explain that the death of one or two Senators—and many of them are older men—could upset either side's apportionment.

There is something radically wrong, they claim, in a system whose stability can become so closely dependent on an individual's life. — United Press.

**Atomic War Games**

San Diego, Apr. 28.

A fleet of 120 ships, carrying 50,000 men on board, left San Diego today for atomic manoeuvres in the Pacific.

The manoeuvres will be staged under the command of Vice-Admiral Harold Martin. They are to include the landing of the Third Marine Division in Camp Pendleton, 60 kilometres south of San Diego.

During this operation, to be carried out with the help of landing barges and helicopters, mock atomic bomb attacks will be made. — France-Press.

**VIETMINH ORDERS TO TROOPS**

Paris, Apr. 28.

The Vietminh Radio today broadcast eight rules decreed by Souphanou Vong, head of the "Laos resistance government," the French Press Agency reported from Saigon today.

They were:

1. Protect life and property, respect pagodas and churches.

2. In the "liberated" zones, the inhabitants are free to return to their villages.

3. Dissolve the "puppet administration" and "restore the power of the people."

4. Punish those who oppose the resistance, betray the people and spread false rumours.

5. Protect life and property of foreigners.

6. Give "special treatment" to enemies who surrender.

7. Those who must feed the "Laos liberation army," persuade relatives of those fighting on the French Union side to incite them to desert and denounce "traitors to Laos and enemy agents."

8. All officers and non-commissioned officers of the "Laos liberation army" must carry out the orders of their government, pay for anything bought from the people and "above all remain united with the Vietminh volunteers and try to adapt themselves to their spirit and acquire their experience." — Reuter.

**MOSSADEGH'S LATEST**

Tehran, Apr. 28.

Premier Mohammed Mossadeq's Government charged in an official statement today that a "foreign nation" had directed the murder of Police Chief Mohammed Afshar.

The statement did not name the foreign power but it was taken for granted by diplomatic observers that the charge was against Great Britain.

The motive for the murder, the statement said, was to create chaos and to intimidate the Mossadeq Government. — United Press.

**ATOMIC WAR BRIEFING**

Paris, Apr. 28. For the first time today the United States told carefully screened Allied officers how "big" and "baby" atomic bombs can halt any Russian attack on Europe.

American atomic experts also briefed hand-picked foreign officers on what the United States believes would be the effect of Russian atom bombs launched by guided missiles or carried by aircraft on defending Western troops, reliable sources said.

The first of a top secret series of courses ordered by the Supreme Allied Commander, General Matthew B. Ridgway, on the tactical use of atomic weapons got under way in the little German city of Oberammergau.

While knowledge of mankind's most terrible weapons came to sleepy German town officials at Supreme Allied headquarters it was disclosed that a series of atomic war games had been scheduled for the Autumn.

In these tests Allied soldiers will, for the first time, put into practice on the rim of the Iron Curtain some of the "know how" gathered by volunteer United States soldiers in American desert atomic tests.

During the war games make-believe atomic bombs will be "popped" on Western Europe. — United Press.

**Quirino's Recall Of Romulo**

San Francisco, Apr. 28.

The present international situation has caused Philippines President Elpidio Quirino to summon his No. 1 diplomat to Manila.

Carlos Romulo, the Philippines Ambassador to the United States and chief delegate to the United Nations, said in San Francisco that President Quirino had called him home for a report on current world developments. While Romulo would not go into details about his visit to Manila, he is expected to give the President a briefing on the Russian peace offensive and the hot war in Korea in which Filipino soldiers are fighting.

The Ambassador left San Francisco for Manila aboard a Philippines Air Lines plane this morning. He is due to reach Manila on Thursday afternoon, Philippines time.

In an interview shortly before leaving, Romulo disclaimed that his trip was connected in any way with domestic political developments in the islands. He refused to discuss Philippines politics and remained silent when asked direct questions on the subject.

Romulo said he expected to be in Manila for about three weeks, he said he was not sure he would be there at the time of the Liberal Party Convention which will elect presidential and vice-presidential candidates to oppose the Nacionalista ticket headed by Ramon Magaysay. The convention is scheduled for May 24. — Associated Press.

**Admission By Ex-Red**

Washington, Apr. 28.

A former Communist told Senate investigators today that he had stolen plans for a landing craft engine during World War II and delivered them to Russian agents.

T. Mason, then employed at the General Motors Plant in Cleveland, Ohio, said that he took the plans in 1944 or 1945. The blueprints were secretly delivered to the plant's cafeteria, photographed there and later returned to the files.

Mason was testifying before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee. — United Press.

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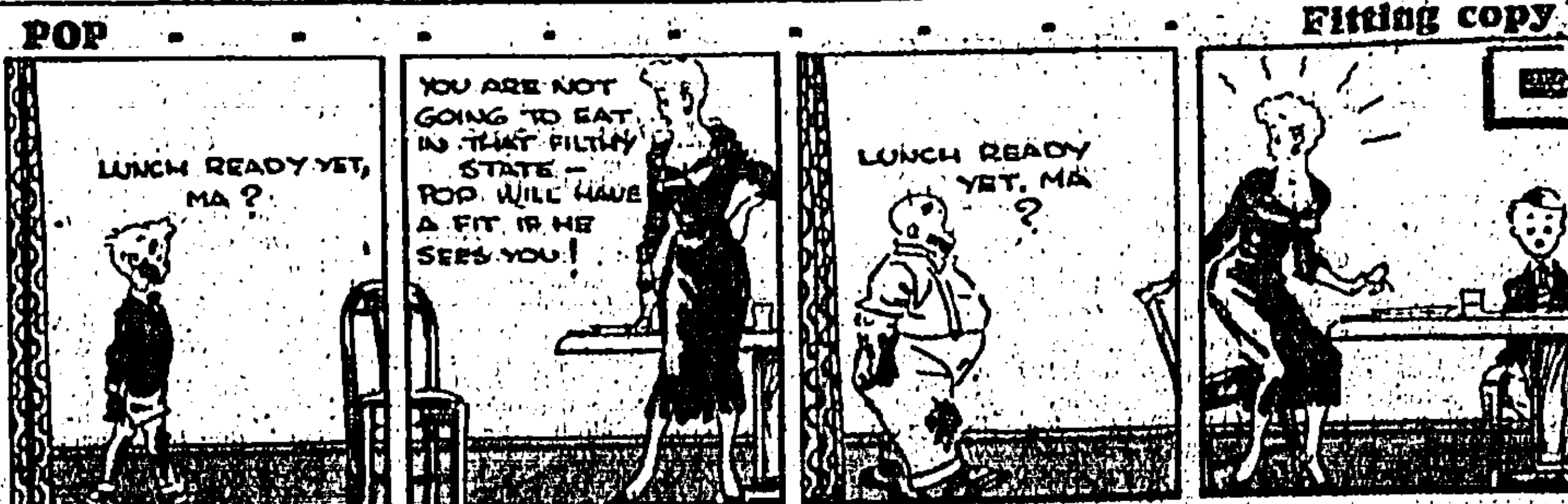
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## Farouk Antics In Paris

Paris, Apr. 20. Ex-King Farouk treated the French capital to a truly amazing display of agility today when he launched his 240 lbs. off a moving train to avoid besieging cameramen.

To one United Press photographer, however, who followed the exiled Egyptian monarch across Paris in a Hollywood-style chase, Farouk gave a set of exclusive pictures. Asked about his athletic leap Farouk modestly replied: "I used to drive locomotives, and I've often jumped out of moving trains."

Bystanders gave another explanation—he has recently lost 10 lbs. in weight. It was an active morning for Farouk, who arrived from Cannes and Monte Carlo for a one-week visit in Paris. His jump off the train successfully eluded cameramen in the railroad station but not the United Press photographer who leaped right after him.

**WORKMAN'S CAFE**  
The photographer chased Farouk to a workman's cafe where the ex-monarch downed a hasty coffee and three buns. Then he went by taxi to a downtown hotel where a suite had been reserved, the photographer right behind him.

There a pack of newsmen caught up with Farouk. He bolted again for another hotel and the photographer stayed with him. After ducking into a private reception room in the second hotel Farouk sent out an aide to photographer Stephan Tavorakis.

"His Majesty asks me to convey his congratulations for your perseverance. You can have some exclusive pictures as a reward," the aide announced.

Farouk, still puffing slightly, shook hands with Tavorakis.

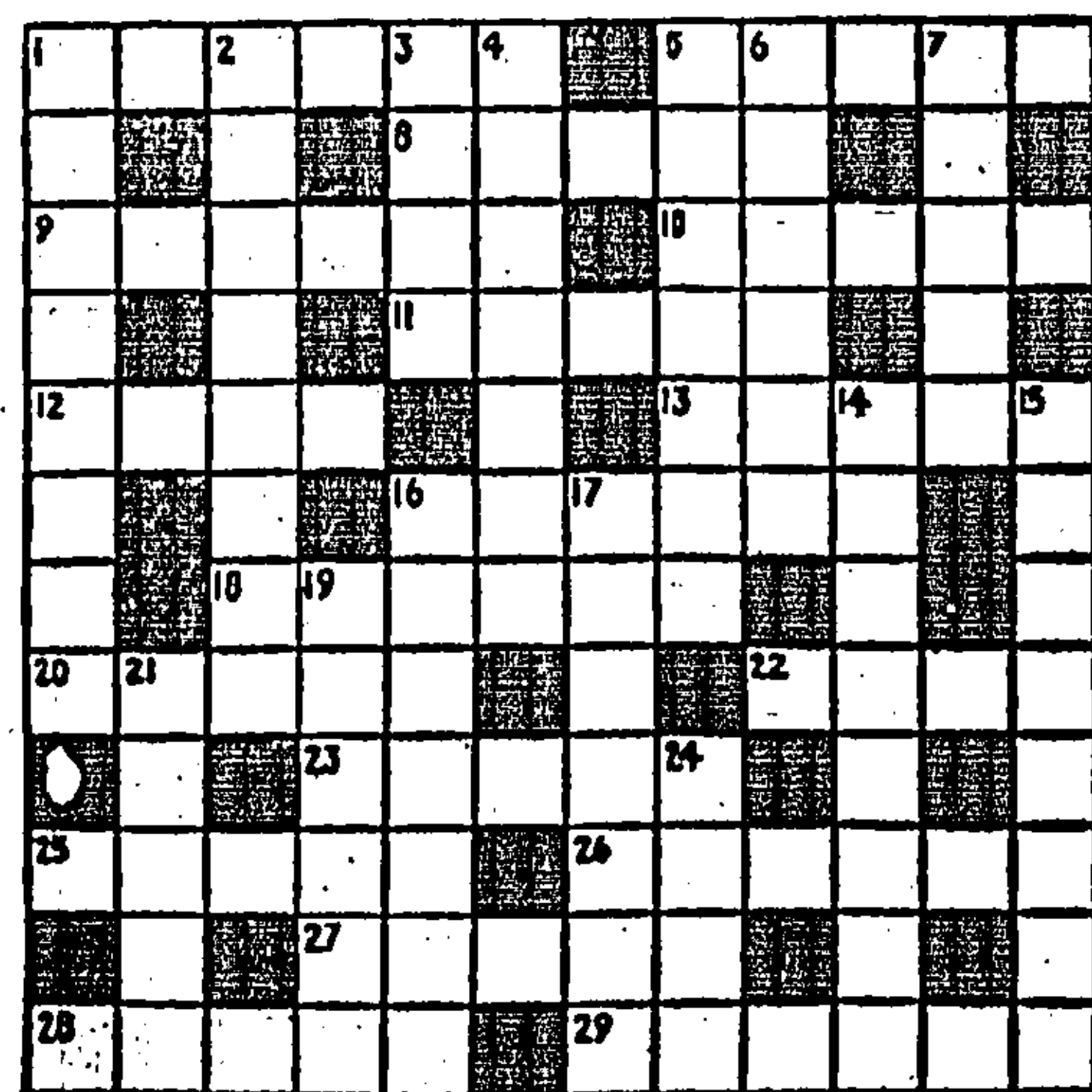
"Congratulations," Farouk said. "We really tried to get rid of you. Now go ahead and shoot all the pictures you want," United Press.

## Envoy's Dinner For Akihito

London, Apr. 20. Mr. Shunichi Matsumoto, Japan's Ambassador in Britain, gave a dinner tonight in honour of his Crown Prince who arrived in London from Southampton this morning to attend the Coronation.

The dinner was given at the Ambassador's London residence where 10-year-old Crown Prince Akihito is staying. No non-Japanese guests attended. —Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- System (8).
  - Indecision (5).
  - Honourable (5).
  - Deadly (8).
  - Boundary (5).
  - Entices (5).
  - Sometimes used with a hammer (4).
  - Proposal of health (5).
  - Protect (8).
  - Setting contracts (6).
  - Severe (8).
  - Curt (4).
  - Semi-precious stone (5).
  - Poetry (5).
  - Eight notes (6).
  - Mistake (5).
  - Wrong (5).
  - Tends (6).
- DOWN**
- Souvenirs (8).
  - Dire (8).
  - Spoken (4).
  - Weakens by adding water (7).
  - Expunges (7).
  - Prayer (6).
  - Estates (6).
  - Naval officers of high rank (8).
  - Pigs feet (8).
  - Garland (7).
  - Rubs out (6).
  - Unit of heat (5).
  - Unbleached linen colour (4).

**MONDAY'S CROSSWORD** — Across: 1. Relish, 5. Poles, 8. Peer, 9. Valour, 11. Enter, 12. Tarmac, 14. Test, 16. Swarm, 18. Clash, 19. Real, 20. Murder, 23. Steam, 26. Gush, 28. Ewer, 29. Sated, 20. Tender, Down: 1. Have, 2. Lilt, 3. Spur, 4. Herald, 5. Precise, 6. Literal, 7. Screams, 10. Oscar, 13. Accuses, 14. Tangent, 15. Shammed, 17. Waver, 18. Target, 21. Dare, 22. Rind, Char.

**TIPS:** We repeat there was a mistake in yesterday's puzzle and solution. They should be disregarded. The proper sequence follows from above.

## Jilted, But Sociable



With these old-time two-wheelers — "sociables" they called them — one just had to be friendly. Here, supplying proof that it must have been difficult to go separate ways are Yvonne Marsh and Tom Round. They are jilted bride and "heartless" defendant in the "Trial by Jury" sequence from the film "Gilbert and Sullivan" but there was no keeping them apart when they tried out the "sociable for two" which is being used to add Victorian authenticity to the production. —Reuterphoto.

## Inquiry Into Control Of Atomic Energy

London, Apr. 20. The Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, announced today the establishment of a Committee to make plans for the transfer of Britain's atomic energy programme from Government departmental control.

Sir Winston said that he could not yet state just what new form of control would be established until the Committee made a full inquiry and taking into consideration constitutional and financial implications.

Britain's atomic work, which includes the production of the atomic bomb and notable advances on converting atomic energy to industrial purposes, has been run by the Ministry of Supply, now headed by Sir Winston's son-in-law, Mr. Duncan Sandys. —United Press.

## NEW PLANE SHOWS ITS PACES

Trenton, N. J., Apr. 20. The first production model of a two-engine assault transport plane has been flown in a demonstration of how it can carry troops and equipment to battlefront areas.

The plane was designed by Michael Stroukoff, chief engineer of Chase Aircraft Company. Chase is to manufacture parts for the plane and ship them to the Kaiser-Frazer plant at Willow Run, Michigan, for assembly.

A Chase official said the plane was designed with these purposes in mind:

1. To drop paratroops behind enemy lines.
2. To land regular infantry or other troops near battle areas.
3. To carry heavy equipment, such as trucks or artillery, to battle areas.
4. To evacuate wounded.

Named the C-123B, the plane weighs 30,000 lbs. It can carry a payload of 23,000 pounds, and has a top speed of 245 mph.

The payload can be divided up any number of ways — for instance, 61 infantry troops with full equipment or a 155 mm howitzer with truck and ammunition.

When used as an ambulance plane, the C-123B can carry 50 litter patients, six medical attendants and six medical attendants.

Major-General Homer L. Sanders, USAF, of the Tactical Air Command, told a reporter he was interested in the ability of the C-123B to take off and land in comparatively short distances. The plane is to be used by the Tactical Air Command. —Associated Press.

## Rejection Of British Tender

### Matter Raised In The Commons

London, Apr. 20. Mr. Harry MacKeson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, said today he did not think the Americans should have called for new bids for equipment for the big hydro-electric project in Washington state.

He was replying in the House of Commons to a question about the rejection of a bid by the English Electric Company to supply the equipment even though it was about a million dollars (about £357,000) lower than the nearest bid of an American firm.

Mr. MacKeson said he gathered that the American authorities felt that they could not assess the comparative quality of the British and American plant.

He added "in my view every effort should be made in such cases to obtain the necessary information for this purpose from the firms concerned rather than invite fresh bids and thus in effect give another chance to firms whose prices were too high."

Mr. Ernest Fernyhough, Labour, said that if the Americans did not allow trade on a fair basis Britain should "break out of the Battle Act" and refuse to acknowledge the rights of the United States to interfere with British shipping trading with any country it chose.

The Minister said that this was beside the point.

The "Battle Act" provides for the control by the United States and co-operating foreign nations of exports to any nation or combination of nations threatening the security of the United States including the Soviet Union and all countries under its domination and for other purposes. —Reuter.

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## BRITAIN STILL LEADS WORLD IN SHIPBUILDING

London, Apr. 20. Tonnage under construction in Japanese shipyards during the first quarter of 1953 showed a sharp drop but was still enough to keep Japan in fifth place among the world's nations, Lloyds Shipping Register figures showed today.

Steamships and motorships under construction in Japan totalled 450,562 tons — 116,533 tons less than in the previous quarter.

The figures, which included no news of building in Russia, Communist China and Poland because no figures were available, showed that total world construction totalled 1,202 vessels of an aggregate 6,004,757 tons.

Britain with 2,132,003 tons under construction was the biggest builder, accounting for about 35 per cent of the total.

Her output was 13,409 tons down on the previous quarter. This is how the other leading builders fared.

United States — 586,511 tons under construction — 30 tons down on previous quarter. Germany 550,562 tons, an increase of 44,833 tons. The Netherlands 552,085 tons, up by 77,114 tons.

Italy ranked sixth after Japan with 354,980 tons on the stocks.

**TREND CONTINUED**  
The decline in British building continued a trend shown since 1950. Tanker tonnage alone was up.

The report said that 323 ships of a total of 2,132,003 tons were being built in Britain and Northern Ireland during the first quarter of this year.

Of these 82 ships of 577,810 tons were being built for overseas customers. This was 94,027 tons less than the previous quarter and 247,029 tons less than the September 1950 peak.

Countries "importing" the largest amount of new tonnage are Norway (445,044 tons), Panama (393,320 tons), Liberia (181,269 tons) and the United States (160,445 tons).

Countries making the largest increases to their existing fleets are Britain 1,025,010 tons, the United States 540,884 tons and Norway 603,248 tons.

Oil tankers of 100 tons and over being built throughout the world total 290 of a total tonnage of 3,267,259 tons—a drop of 19,000 tons compared with last December. —Reuter.

**The Last To Be Allowed?**  
Durban, Apr. 20. Eighty-one wives and children of Indians living in South Africa arrived in Durban today aboard the "British" liner Koranjia.

Political observers said they might be the last Indians allowed into the Union.

On February 10, the Minister of the Interior, Dr. Eben Dörmes, announced in Parliament that if the Nationalist Party were returned to power, the Government would abrogate the Smuts-Gandhi agreement under which families of Indians living in South Africa were permitted to enter the Union.

Senior officials of the Natal Indian Organisation of the Transvaal Indian Congress boarded the vessel as soon as health officials allowed. —Reuter.

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## Tito's Decision On Church

Belgrade, Apr. 20. The Yugoslav Government has decided to regulate Church-State relations on a new legal basis without any further attempts to consult the Roman Catholic Church, the semi-official news agency Yugo Press said today.

The agency said the Government intended to guarantee religious freedom in every citizen but to forbid teaching of religion in schools or private houses and to ban religious processions outside church grounds without special permission from the civic authorities. —Reuter.

## Federation Prelude

London, Apr. 20. The foundations of a new self-governing dominion within the Commonwealth — British West Indian Federation — were laid in London today when political leaders from 10 scattered sugar-producing island colonies in the Caribbean reached final agreement on the outstanding constitutional points between them.

On Wednesday, the delegates from Barbados, Jamaica and the Windward and Leeward Islands (excepting the "Virgin Islands") began to consider a draft of their report drawn up by officials.

Once they have approved this report will be published and will go before the island legislatures and finally the House of Commons. —Reuter.

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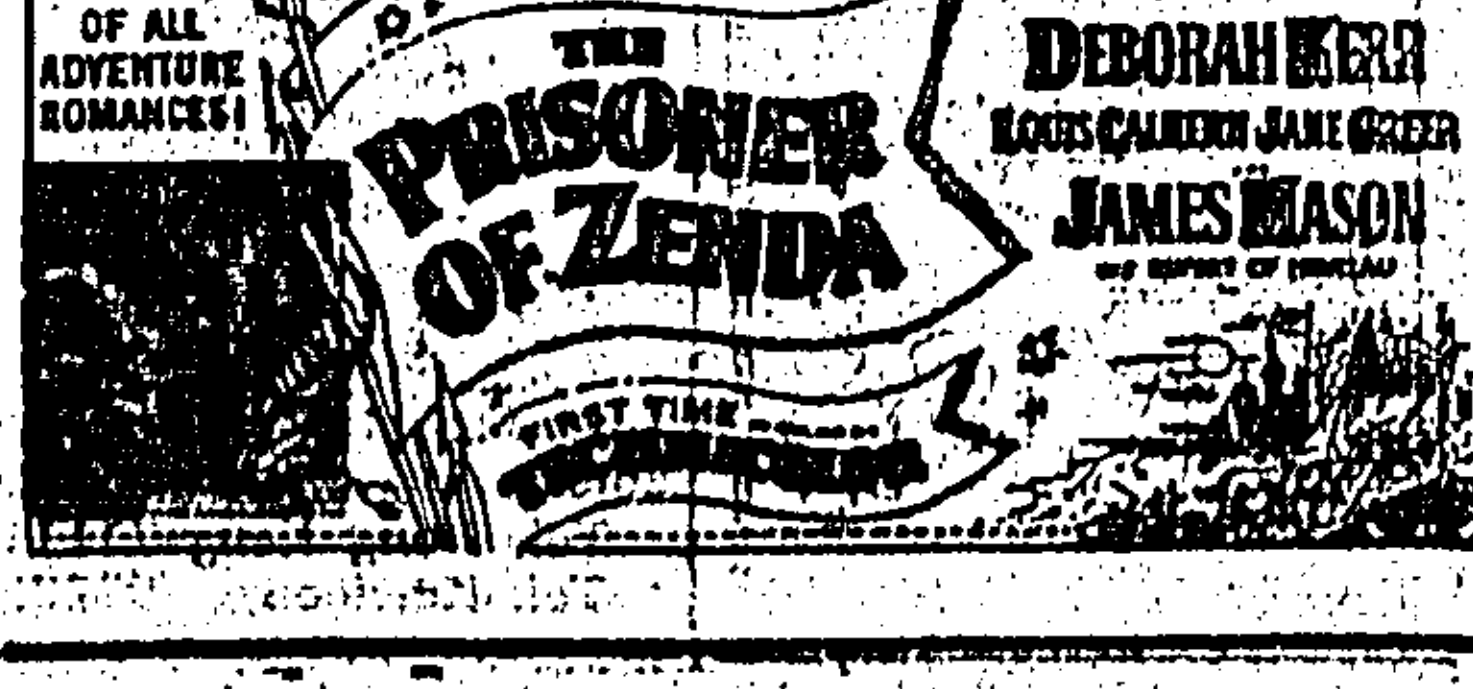
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## THEY HAVE THEIR EXITS

CHAPTER  
NINE



We find a

"No slowly assembled  
large Victorian camera."

## FORGOTTEN PASSAGE

By Airey Neave, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.

Preceding chapters: The author, after an unsuccessful attempt in 1941 to escape from a prison camp in Poland, is banished by the Germans to Colditz, the "Bad Boys" Camp. Here he tries again—this time disguised as a German N.C.O. in a "home-made" uniform and equipment. He gets safely past the guard-house when a voice shouts "Halt!"

THERE were more shouts from the guard-house as I turned round towards the lights. It was a fatal mistake. I became aware that the scenery paint with which I had daubed my khaki tunic was glowing under the arc lamps, reflecting a shade of pea-green. The cap was the worst. It shone like a brilliant emerald in the glare. I was a figure of the underworld, a demon king under the spotlights in a Christmas pantomime. I turned and ran panic-stricken towards the bicycles.

Heavy footsteps as of a whole army of jackboots pursued me.

"Halt or I fire!" cried a voice as I reached the archway. It was hopeless. I was not prepared to be shot for having failed so dismally. I turned again and threw up my hands. In a moment all the inmates of the guard-room were upon me, chattering excitedly and pointing rifles and revolvers. The under-officer in charge had a fit of hysterical rage of particularly Teutonic quality.

"This is an insult to the German Army! You will be shot."

The tall figure of the Kommandant, Oberst Prawitz, next appeared in the smartest of uniforms.

"What impertinence," he said in lofty tones. "Take him away to the cells."

In the utter darkness of my solitary-confinement cell I undid my cardboard belt and wooden bayonet and flung them on the floor in rage. It was many hours before I slept.

NEXT day I stood under guard for most of the morning in a long, panelled gallery in the Kommandant's headquarters, closely examined by all the officers at the camp. An elderly, servile photographer—like a deflated Hindenburg—arrived from the town, slowly assembled a large, Victorian camera on a tripod and photographed me in my "German" uniform from all angles. I had to wait several weeks to serve my term of twenty-eight days' solitary confinement. There were never enough cells in the castle or the town gaol to hold the

throng of prisoners under sentence.

In early October, when the leaves began to fall, I was sent to the town gaol in Colditz.

Passing under the gateways along the route of my ill-fated attempt to escape, I saw a new white wooden barrier across the road at the final exit. The sentry grinned at me and said: "They put this here because of you."

I paid no attention to him. I was concentrating furiously on something I had seen in the wall of the most bank there ran a roughly-paved pathway. Steps led from a gap in the wall of the bridge and joined this pathway. In the wall of the most bank where the steps began a little wicket-gate stood half open.

I could hardly contain my excitement. The sentry, hear-

ing me crow with delight, turned in surprise. He did not know that I had seen a way of freedom. If I could cross the moat bridge and reach the park escape was possible.

In my ground-floor cell in the town gaol the twenty-eight days passed agreeably. I had enough cigarettes for months and lay on my bed smoking and reading save for an hour's exercise in the courtyard. When I was taken from the gaol and marched back to the castle I saw once more the little wicket-gate in the wall of the moat bridge. At night it appeared in my dreams.

As autumn gave way to winter that of the most monotonous year I joined in the plans of the British prisoners to produce a variety show in the camp theatre.

The camp theatre was on the second floor adjoining the gates

of the inner courtyard, in a building connected with the guard-house by a mysterious Bridge of Sighs. What lay behind those tiny dusty windows above the gateway? Was there a passageway leading to the attic on the upper floor of the guard-house? At either end of the bridge the rooms which led to it were locked and barred and doors bricked up. Roaming like inquisitive children around some mysterious mansion in the hours of day light, we came excitedly upon the secret. There was a passageway. The way to it lay under the floor of the theatre where a rough dais was raised to form a stage.

The prospectors in this new territory were led by Pat Reid, MBE, MC, and "Hank" Wardle, MC, a Canadian in the RAF, who first discovered the magic entrance.

BENEATH the stage the searchers found space enough to crawl and sawed away the floorboards making a square hole in the ceiling of the passage below. Reid climbed down into the scaled passage and found a locked door leading to the gate-bridge. He picked the lock and came to a further door on the far side of the bridge. It opened without difficulty, revealing steps into an attic above the guard-house. On the floor beneath was the German Officers' Mess.

Pat Reid proposed that teams of two, one British and one Dutch officer should attempt to escape as German officers. He selected John Hyde-Thomson and myself.

Tomorrow: The Perilous Plot of 'Dr Calomel'

## BLAME NAPOLEON FOR INCOME TAX!

DURING this month, ten million Britons are filling up those pale green official forms which start with the ominous words "You are required to make on this form a true and correct return of all the sources of your income..." with rather less despondency than for some years past.

For the standard rate of income tax, that much disliked imposition which John Stuart Mill termed "graduated robbery" a century ago, has come down sixpence to 9 shillings in the Pound and all graduated scales of abatement have also been lowered by the same amount.

Even so, it is still at a level undreamed of even half a century ago. It is within the lifetime of many of us that a total levy of 6d. in the Pound provoked full-blooded riots in London, and when it soared to 1s. 3d. during the Boer War a rising young politician described it as "the worst limit of practicable taxation." His name was Winston Churchill.

"In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes," once said Benjamin Franklin, but income tax was long presented by successive governments as a temporary measure. It was originally imposed by

William Pitt in 1799 to pay for the war against Napoleon Bonaparte. That first tax, however, was down to 4s. 6d. in the Pound. It was repealed in 1802, only to reappear in the next Budget at 1s. in the Pound.

Victory at Waterloo was appropriately celebrated by the abolition of income tax. Many people both in and out of Parliament at the time felt that a low income tax would be preferable to the confusion of customs and excise duties then in force, and should become a permanent feature. But this view was defeated by a small majority who found the tax "detestable, shameful and immoral," and Parliament ordered all official papers relating to it to be destroyed.

### ONLY TEMPORARY

For the next 26 years all incomes remained the property of those who earned them, but in 1825 Sir Robert Peel, faced with a series of deficits, reintroduced it at 7d. in the Pound in exchange for a reduction in customs and excise duties.

It was still only regarded as a temporary measure, and in 1853 Mr Gladstone, referring to this 7d. "colossal engine of finance" foreboded its abolition within seven years. Yet Opposition prophets forecast that year that the country would not be able to survive such a crushing burden. The

outbreak of the Crimean War sent the rate up to 1s. 6d., but by 1859 it was down to 4s. 6d. in 1875, when Sir Stafford Northcote was bold enough to admit that it would be a permanent feature of our tax system. It was again a mere twopenny.

Right to the turn of the century it remained under a shilling. In 1888, when it had become 8d., opposition reached such a pitch that large meetings held in Trafalgar Square developed into full-blooded riots which were not suppressed until the police were called in.

The Boer War took it to 1s. 3d., and World War One to 6s. This rate remained until 1922. Then it lightened to 4s. 6d. in 1920, but World War Two sent it soaring to its optimum point of 10s. in the Pound. Between 1940 and 1951 it fell back to 9s., but the outbreak of the Korean War and rearmament added another sixpence.

Many of the present features have existed for a long time. Personal allowances were included from the first, and Pitt allowed a graduated scale of abatement between the minimum limit of £20 and £200, together with a children's allowance of five percent on incomes between £20 and £400, and four percent between £400 and £1,000. The differential allowance in favour of income from earnings

has also a long history. In 1806, allowance was given for incomes derived from "trade, industry and adventure, professional employment, vocations, public offices or public annuities." Even the principle of stoppage at source is no modern refinement.

Why does the financial year end on April 5? The explanation goes back to the Calendar (New Style) Act of 1751, in year which, continuing old usages, began on Lady Day, March 25. The new calendar year ended on December 31, and the first day of 1752 was then January 1, but as there was a discrepancy between the calendar date of the spring equinox and the actual equinox which, through centuries, had grown to eleven days, this was adjusted in the September of that year, September 2 being followed by September 14.

### PENNY A WEEK

However, as might be expected, the Treasury still clung to the old day for beginning the Inland Revenue Year. Yet, not intending to lose its eleven days of revenue in 1953, it pushed its New Year Day from March 25 eleven days on to April 5.

Although income tax as such is 184 years old, a century earlier William Pitt compelled his subjects to pay him a penny a week, servants being rated at

speech, and if they hear one on the radio they probably think it is part of the Goon Show.

They got television neck, and go to the pictures twice a week, whatever film is being shown. They prefer westerns and gangster films because they are naturally vicious, and will not be indignant like the film critics, because Walt Disney has "vulgarized Peter Pan."

This is because they have never heard of Sir James Barrie. If the intellectuals among them have heard of Walt Disney they probably think he is the author of "Alice in Wonderland."

They are the people who stare at holes in the road, queue all night for a seat at a murder trial (although they grumbled at food queues during the war), and in moments of exceptional awareness, ring up the BBC if anything goes wrong with a programme.

In the evenings, with a radio at full throttle, they read comic strips and do their football and their dog's business.

At supper they pour vinegar over their food, whatever it is. They all have catarrh and chronic indigestion.

Their dogs bark louder than other dogs. Their children scream louder than other children. They are as stupid as they look. And so are their dogs and children.

But, if ignorance is bliss, they are the happiest imbeciles in the country.

## Gentlemen in Retirement

I DON'T care what you say, old man. Sixty-five is the wrong age to wear a magenta shirt, apricot scarf and a pair of purple trousers.

I suppose it doesn't matter if it makes him happy.

But he's vain enough to think it makes the ladies happy.

I suppose that's why he wears his shirt outside, his trousers, like the young men.

I can't see how wearing your shirt outside your trousers will make the ladies happy.

Neither can I, particularly when you're a grandfather. But of course, there's method in his madness. Ever seen him with his bulging shopping bag ogling the girl at the fishmonger's?

"Where have you been all my life, beautiful?" he says to this girl. Sounds funny coming from a granddaddy with hardly a hair on his head, doesn't it, old man?

I suppose it does, old man.

And all for the last bit of smoked salmon in the town.

Well, that sounds clean enough, old man.

Nobody said it wasn't clean. But that's not the right way to do it. You wouldn't catch me making myself cheap for a bit of smoked salmon, or a bit of Georgiania either.

I expect it's harmless enough, old man.

Maybe it is. Maybe it isn't. But a man who neglects his garden, never does his washing up till after tea-time, and spends his evenings square dancing in a cowboy's shirt, is not entirely harmless. I suppose next thing it will be sunbathing in searles.

Not with a stomach, like that, old man?

With a stomach like that and a chest like that, he's quite shameless. Another chocolate cellar, old man?

No thanks, old man. They don't seem to agree with me today.

(London Express Service)

## POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"I wonder if Comrade Tomasov isn't becoming reconciled to Western cultural values just a little too quickly."

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Peter Lovegrove











## Home Soccer Results

London, Apr. 28.  
The following were the results of football matches played today:

DIV. III (SOUTH)	
Bristol C.	1 Coventry C. 0
DIV. III (NORTH)	
Tranmere R.	1 York City 3
SCOTTISH "A"	
Hearts	4 East Fife 0
GLASGOW CHARITY CUP	
Celtic	4 Clyde 0
OTHER MATCH	
West Ham	3 Swansea 2

(Played at Penzance)—Reuter.  
LEAGUE STANDINGS  
Below are the latest Home soccer standings:

First Division	
P	W D L F A Pts
Arsenal	41 20 12 9 61 62 52
Blackburn	42 19 13 10 60 51 51
West Brom.	42 21 8 13 60 50 50
Burnley	42 18 12 11 62 49 50
Blackpool	42 18 12 11 62 49 50
Charlton	41 18 11 12 74 61 47
Manchester	41 15 11 15 70 60 41
Nottingham	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Sunderland	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Sheff. Wed.	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Sheff. Utd.	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Derby	42 15 13 14 61 60 39

Second Division	
P	W D L F A Pts
Sheff. Utd.	41 20 12 9 61 62 52
Sheff. Wed.	42 19 13 10 60 51 51
Blackburn	42 21 8 13 60 50 50
Burnley	42 18 12 11 62 49 50
Blackpool	42 18 12 11 62 49 50
Charlton	41 18 11 12 74 61 47
Manchester	41 15 11 15 70 60 41
Nottingham	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Sunderland	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Sheff. Wed.	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Sheff. Utd.	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Derby	42 15 13 14 61 60 39

Third Div. (South)	
P	W D L F A Pts
Bristol C.	41 20 12 9 61 62 52
Blackburn	42 19 13 10 60 51 51
West Brom.	42 21 8 13 60 50 50
Burnley	42 18 12 11 62 49 50
Blackpool	42 18 12 11 62 49 50
Charlton	41 18 11 12 74 61 47
Manchester	41 15 11 15 70 60 41
Nottingham	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Sunderland	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Sheff. Wed.	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Sheff. Utd.	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Derby	42 15 13 14 61 60 39

Third Div. (North)	
P	W D L F A Pts
Oldham	41 20 12 9 61 62 52
Port Vale	42 19 13 10 60 51 51
Walsley	42 21 8 13 60 50 50
York City	42 18 12 11 62 49 50
Southport	42 18 12 11 62 49 50
Grimsby	41 18 11 12 74 61 47
Bradford	41 15 11 15 70 60 41
Crewe	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Carlisle	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Gateshead	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Chesterfield	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
Tranmere	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
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Sheff. Utd.	42 15 13 14 61 60 39
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## TODAY'S SPORT

**Soccer**  
Combined Chinese v Indonesian—Club at 6 p.m.  
**Hockey**  
England v Portugal (Finals of International Series)—Recreo at 5.45 p.m.  
**Tennis**  
Inter-schools tennis tournament—Chiloe Recreation Club, Tai Hang at 1 p.m.  
**Table Tennis**  
Inter-schools tournament—Queen's College Hall at 6 p.m.

## WORCESTER'S REG PERKS FACES HIS USUAL TASK

By BRUCE HARRIS

Inevitable curtain-raiser to any Australian cricket tour in England—Reg Perks, of Worcestershire, launching the first attack on the tourists by an English bowler. He has been doing so ever since 1934 and does again now that Lindsay Hassett's men begin their tour at Worcester on April 29-30 and May 1.

Perks is the only "survivor" of 1934 in either team. In that year Bradman (206), Ponsford, Woodfull, Kippax, McCabe, Oldfield, Grimmett and O'Reilly were in the visiting side; C. F. Walters and the late Nawab of Pataudi played for the county.

Last man to keep Perks company through all those years was Dick Howarth, who bowled Bradman in 1934. He retired last season.

**NOT RETIRING**  
But Perks is not retiring. He tells me that, although he is, he has just signed with Worcestershire for another two years.

He bowls his fast right-hand swing with fine hostility, and as a left-handed tail-end batsman enjoys himself.

"Who's the best batsman I have been up against in these matches?" he said. "Why, Bradman, of course. I have never been able to take his wicket during the two double and one single centuries he scored in successive matches while I was playing against him at Worcester—three doubles! If you add the one in 1930, when I wasn't playing. But I believe I did get

him once in a festival match. "Wind you. I usually bowled to him in conditions gutting him. I would have liked to have bowled against him on my sort of wicket."

**REGULARLY**  
I reminded Perks that for the last 13 seasons he has taken his 100 wickets for his county.

"Yes," he replied, "I am told this is a record for a fast bowler, though out in the middle I worry more about wickets than records."

"Now I hope that, with our young Worcestershire fast bowlers coming along, I will not have to work quite so hard for my wickets." Perks is almost the best English fast bowler who has never played against Australia in a Test match, but he has played in Tests against South Africa and West Indies.

(London Express Service)

## ★ ★ ★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★ ★ ★

# Mr. Ladd keeps his head above water (in more ways than one...)

DAVID LEWIN'S Show Business COLUMN

WITH some assistance from the fire brigade Alan Ladd went to sea the other day in a screaming gale and a torrent of water.

The water—enough to fill several small-size swimming pools—was thoughtfully controlled by the firemen. The wind came from two airplane propellers, and Mr Ladd's 100 ft. ship was built on rockers the full length of Stage A at Pinewood Studios.

### For my children

As the third deluge of the day struck him, Ladd shook the water from his face and said: "When you're swimming around on a deck like this, or saving another guy's life, you just have to concentrate on keeping yourself up-right or afloat."

Alan Ladd, 39 years old, 11 years as a star, and a £100,000 a year man, still thinks of his future in the terms of the past.

when his odd-job man's salary was not big enough to be taxed.

### Concentration

Ladd's second British film is an Antelle whaling story, "Hell Below Zero." On display will be the familiar set, tense expression which has been a feature of almost every Alan Ladd film since "This Gun for Hire" established him.

Some people criticise him as a one-look actor. But his last director, George Stevens, said: "Show me one good expression, and a great picture can be built around it."

Ladd went off to change into dry clothes before the Bucks Brigade's fourth wave hit him. He said: "When you're swimming around on a deck like this, or saving another guy's life, you just have to concentrate on keeping yourself up-right or afloat."

"You must never look heroic or give out with big dramatic gestures. They would spoil everything. You have to feel you're the guy who could be washed overboard (in this scene he was) and not

let on that you know you will be saved, according to the script, in the end."

### 25-ton waves

Alan Ladd looked at the water swirling off the ship's deck. An assistant director said: "Make sure each wave is only 25 tons. More than that and we wash the ship away."

Ladd said: "How my kids would have loved this! But I'm keeping them in the dry. They've both got colds."

Then, thinking about the piece of picture which would help to safeguard their future, he set his face into the storm again.

### Songsmith

★ IF YOU are humming a popular song today the chances are it was written by 31-year-old, curly-haired Robert Merrill.

In the last year three out of the top ten songs in Britain came from the ebullient Mr Merrill, who likes to tap out the idea for a number on a child's xylophone. In the three years he has been writing songs, 19 have been hits, and he still has not found time to learn to read music.

His latest numbers, which hammer at one from every side, are "She Wears Red Feathers" (with its British background of the man who works in a London bank) and that boon to the pet stores, "How Much Is That Doggie In The Window?" (300,000 copies sold).

After a spell in the U.S. cavalry, a season as an actor, and a term directing low-grade Hollywood Westerns, Bob Merrill thought of putting down, a subject which interested him greatly, to music.

Result: "If I Knew You Were Coming I'd Have Baked a Cake," and "Candy And Cake." Both hits.

### That pawnshop

Since then he has dealt with that pawnshop in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a song dedicated to every family with a young baby, "Eat Him On The Bo Bo" (Merrill is unmarried). The money he makes (£35,000 a year at least) enables him to go every two months for a medical check-up ("Must watch my heart").

Merrill says: "I start about 300 songs a year—words and music—and finish about ten." His last idea: "To write simple words any child can sing, and odd-sounding, folk-type music." (Hence, "Truly, Truly Fair.")

In pursuit of the successful policy Merrill is currently trying to produce a song around the line: Her shoes paddy-whacked in the front and the



London Express Service

THE STORM... Alan Ladd is buffeted by 25-ton waves—supplied by courtesy of the Buckinghamshire fire brigade.



AFTER THE STORM... Mr. Ladd—once more well-groomed, not a wave out of place—relaxes for a less-trying scene. Also present: Joan Tetzel, the American who created the role of the shipwrecked girl in the play "The Little Hut."

### The barrier

★ RAUL WALSH, one-time actor, now a picture director ("Captain Hornblower"), is to make a three-dimensional focal film.

He will never be able to see it in a cinema. For Mr Walsh has only one eye, and one-eyed people cannot see focals which need glasses.

## NOTICE

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby Saturday, 2nd May, 1953.

Tickets in the above at \$2.00 each may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club at—

Queen's Bldg., Chater Road  
5 D'Aguiar Street  
382 Nathan Road, Kowloon  
Over 1,000,000 tickets sold to date.

By Order of the Stewards,  
H. MISA,  
Secretary.



## NOTICE

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on

The Hong Kong Derby, 1953

Saturday, 2nd May, 1953

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close at:

Queen's Building, Ground floor, at 6.00 p.m. on 1st May, 1953  
382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m. on 1st May, 1953  
5 D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong, at 5.00 p.m. on 1st May, 1953

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at NOON, on Saturday, 2nd May, 1953.

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Saturday 2nd & Saturday 9th May, 1953

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The programme will consist of 10 races each day. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m. on both days.

Through Tickets (20 Races—\$40.00) also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 2nd May, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 1st May, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, sweep tickets may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Offices at—

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Office and the Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 1.45 a.m. each day. The Treasurer's Comptroller Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

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### SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order of the Stewards  
H. MISA,  
Secretary.

## FUN IN THE SLIPS

By LEONARD MOSLEY

SOMEONE should put a warning notice on the screen before they start showing a new British film called THE FINAL TEST and this is what it should say:

TO ALL ice hockey fans, Soccer enthusiasts, baseball followers, table tennis champions, women, Scotsmen, and other foreigners: You will find entertainment value in "The Final Test"—even though it is about CRICKET.

It was about time someone got around to the job of turning the national game into a film. Thank goodness they got a cricket fan who is also a first-class writer to do it. Terence Rattigan, in fact.

### Hutton scores a six

MR RATTIGAN got a nod of approval from me when he first presented "The Final Test" on TV—praise for his success in making the story of a five-day needle match between England and Australia not feel five days long when seen on the screen.

As a film it turns out to be even more offensively pleasant. The horizon of the story has been broadened, so that we get some smart interludes of an actual game at the Oval. Real cricketers like Len Hutton, Geoffrey Evans, Jim Laker, and Cyril Washbrook mingle with the actor-cricketers in the

pavilion and flick some smart into the slips.

Len Hutton, in fact, knooles his part for six, especially during his scenes with star Jack Warner—and the features of Denis Compton clean-bowled a girl who was watching him while they were making the film, by the way, the director thought Hutton looking too grim and sour and the other players uneasy. He called in Alf Gover, the ex-Surrey and England fast bowler, as technical director and it was all smiles from then on.

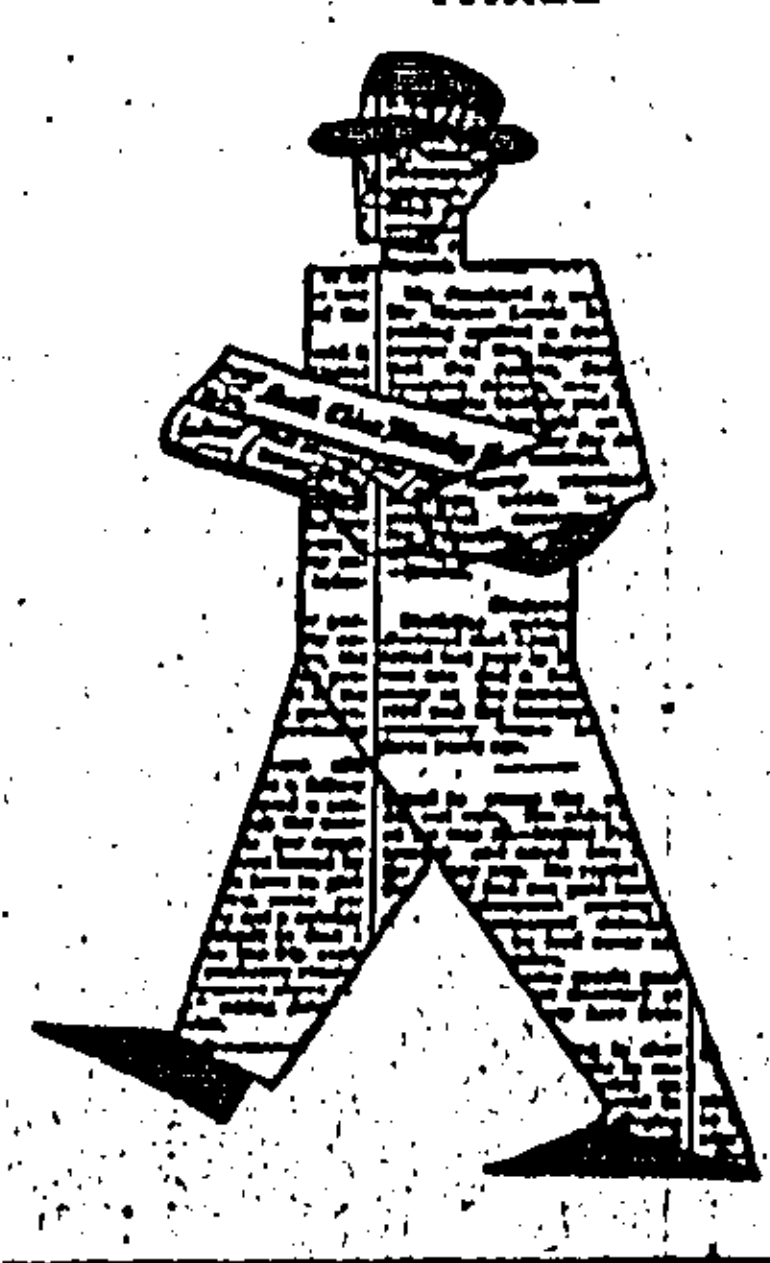
The story of "The Final Test" is so simple that it is more likely to give you mild chuckles than headaches. Jack Warner is a veteran playing his last big game, and desperately anxious for his son to see him.

### The boy prefers poetry

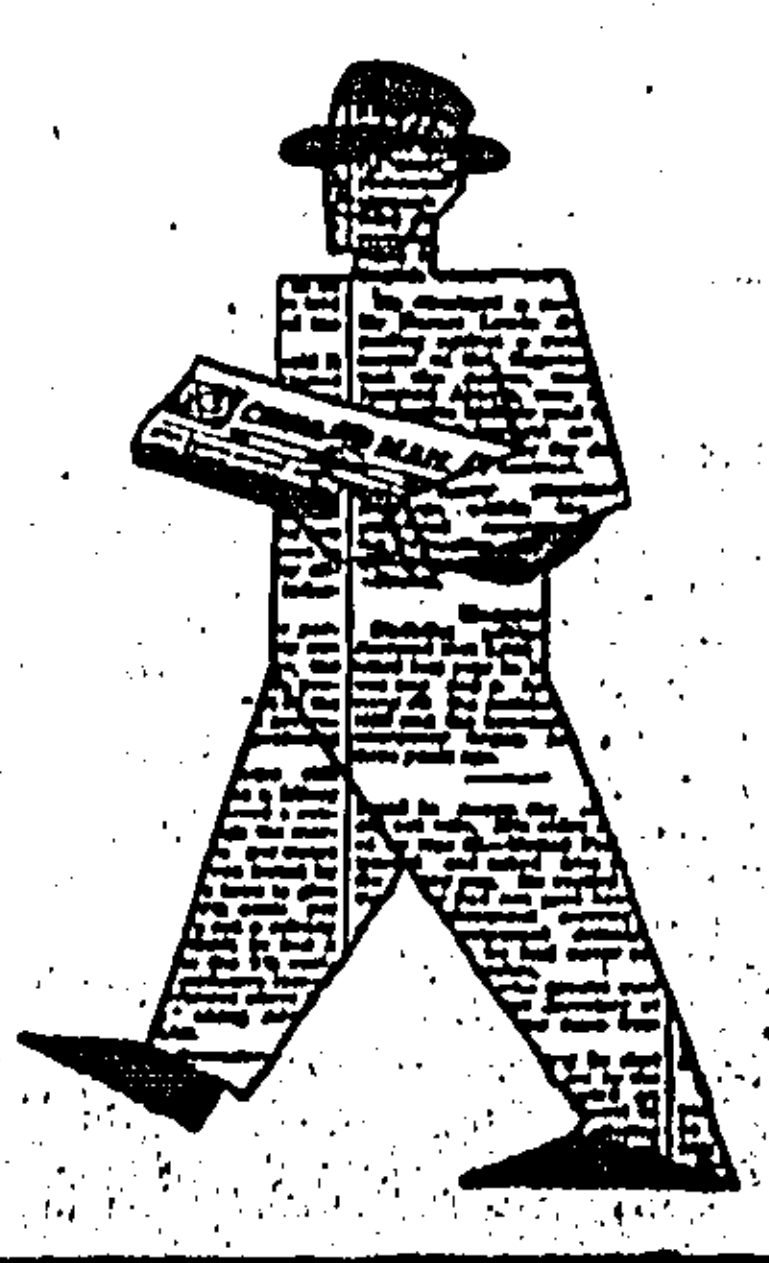
THE son is a would-be poet. He worships a fashionable, blank-verse playwright and despises his father's profession. Until... well, you can guess what happens when he discovers that the playwright is a worshipful fan of Dad.

Brenda Bruce slips in some telling strokes as a barmaid who likes Warner both as a cricketer and a man. Robert Morley has an easy wicket as the playwright, a renegade American learning the facts of cricket life during the luncheon interval; and a widely observant take-off of Cyril Washbrook mingles with the press Service.

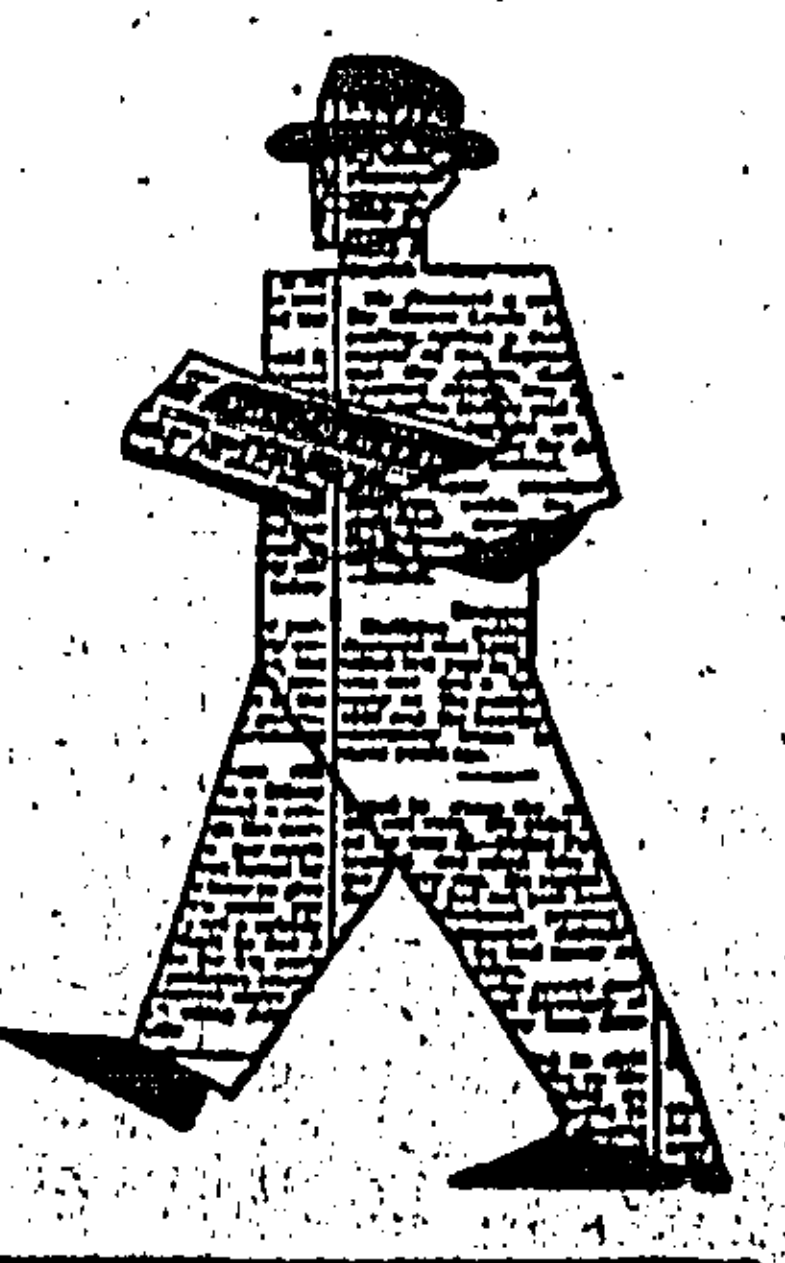
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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Henry v. Henry

HENRY served as a sergeant-pilot in the war, and fought in the air above the Middle East and Italy. In several respects he was fortunate. He came through all in one piece. On demobilisation, he did not have to pick up the threads of an old career, or to cast around seeking a new one. His father had a flourishing business into which he was eager to welcome his son.

But flying was by now in Henry's blood. He turned down his father's offer, and rejoined the R.A.F. in which he served happily until three years ago. Then what for him was the worst thing that could happen, did. A medical board decided he was no longer fit to fly.

#### FATHER DIED

HIS father, by now, had died, leaving his business in Scotland jointly to his two sons. Henry's brother took over the running of it, and suggested Henry should join him.

Henry thanked him, and said "No." For now, with his flying career over he had lost interest in himself as completely as anyone can.

He came to London and mooched about the streets, doing odd jobs in restaurant kitchens or minding burrows, when he needed money. He refused to claim the useful sum his father had left him, which lay in a bank in Scotland.

He grew to look like a tramp, ragged, unkempt, unwashed, and it was his appearance that first got him into trouble.

Customers at a cafe where he had gone for a cup of tea, complained to the manager, and against the presence among them of one so dirty. The manager made to move him, and Henry refused to go.

#### BECAME SHIFTY

NEXT morning at Great Marlborough Street, he was found guilty of using insulting behaviour, and put on probation. Work was found for him, but he kept no job for long. And when he was not working, he still appeared around the West End by "now" become a shifty, suspicious-looking character.

The other day, two plain-clothes policemen thought Henry looked like a man for whom a search was being made. He was taken to the station and questioned. When he had established his identity, he was told he could go.

Instead of going, Henry set upon the officer who had stopped him, punching him in the chest and face. He was arrested and charged next morning at Bow Street with assaulting the officer.

#### SECOND APPEARANCE

THE case was remanded, and when Henry made his second appearance, Mr Charles Morgan, the Marlborough Street probation officer, playing, so to speak, away from him, went into the witness-box to tell Sir Laurence Dunne what he knew of Henry, who had been put on probation under him.

"He has responded to probation, sir," Mr Morgan said, "but he won't have any advice about treatment for his mental condition, and he refuses to have any communication with his family."

He outlined the story of Henry's career.

"LOOK here, if you'll take my advice," said Sir Laurence to Henry, "you'll go voluntarily into a hospital, and let the doctors run the rule over you. I believe there is plenty of capacity in you."

## Tong Fight In Singapore

### Use Bottles, Daggers And Sticks

Singapore, Apr. 29. An estimated 30 members of two Chinese tongs fought with broken bottles, daggers and pointed sticks in the streets of Singapore last night in a battle lasting 15 minutes.

Four Chinese bystanders and one Indian were injured and several secret society members arrested. No deaths were reported.

The street battle broke out late in the evening between members of the "18" and "24" gangs, police said, when secret society members contested their underworld authority to operate in the red light district near the New World Amusement Park.

The police said secret society gangsters were fighting over the right to collect protection money from prostitutes in the area.

Hundreds of spectators watched as the gangs charged each other, brandishing broken bottles, home-made daggers and pointed sticks, along Syed Alwi Road near New World. Fighting continued until several squads of police arrived and waded into the melee.

The street was strewn with broken glass, torn clothing and blood following the fight.

Meanwhile, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Federation capital, 15 members of a secret society were sentenced to two years in gaol yesterday for participating in what the judge called "murder and extortion corporations."

Justice J. G. Adams told defendants in all probability they would be "banished to China after serving your sentences."

#### NOT AN EXCUSE

Mr Adams said that the defence that Chinese secret societies were anti-Communist did not excuse their illicit activities. He said the societies were "anti everything that is anti their society."

The fifteen were convicted of attempting a society meeting in which ancient initiation rites were allegedly planned. The judge told the defendants: "This society, that you were going to join is a very evil thing."

He cited a case history in which members of the society tried to force their group for committing an offence against the society.

"He was duly tried and found guilty. A slip rope was passed round his neck and pulled tight by two members until he was strangled."

Mr Adams added that the society disposed of the body by removing a large slab in the floor of the society's temple, giving access to the sea, and dropping it in the ocean.

The judge said it was known that the society was supported largely by pre-Kuomintang men. "But let the people forget the Kuomintang guerrillas who behaved in Upper Perak (Malaya) in 1946 and 1947 even as they are now behaving in Burma," he added.

The judge also said the society's activities, which frequently clashed with the Communist, were prompted by a "purely selfish set and not because they are anti-Communist," —United Press.

## W. GERMAN ELECTIONS

Bonn, Apr. 28. West German Parliamentary sources tonight indicated that the general elections in Western Germany may be held in June.

The Christian Democrat Parliamentary group, which met today, is understood to have pronounced in favour of the elections as soon as possible.

The Social Democrat Opposition Party and the German and Liberal Democrat Parties are understood also to favour elections in June. During the Christian Democrat Congress in Hamburg earlier this month it was rumored that the elections, which would normally fall due in September, might be advanced by two or three months.

It was understood that the Christian Democrats, the party of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, wished to exploit to the full the prestige acquired by the Chancellor during and after his visit to the United States. —France-Press.

## The C.I.G.S. Inspects Ghurkas



General Sir John Harding, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, talks to a Gurkha piper during an inspection of the Gurkha Regiment at Pibright Camp. The Regiment is in England to take part in the Coronation Procession. —London Express.

## DULLES' MESSAGE TO JAPAN

Washington, Apr. 28. The United States Secretary of State Mr. John Foster Dulles, in a message to the Japanese people on the anniversary of the Japanese peace treaty, hoped Japan could become a full member of the United Nations.

He added that the anniversary was "an occasion for the Japanese and American people to reaffirm their determination to work together with other friendly peoples for peace and security."

Mr Dulles said in the message: "While the restoration of Japan's independence under the peace treaty is indispensable for Japan's future, Japan's active interest and participation in a growing number of international organisations is an impressive fulfilment of one of the objectives underlying the treaty."

"I hope that Japan can become a full member of the United Nations, as such a large majority of its members have already favoured."

"During the past year our two peoples have faced many complex and difficult problems together. We each have to come to a greater understanding of the other's problems."

"I am sure that this understanding will continue to increase as time goes by."

"I know that the Japanese people are proud of their independence and sovereignty and will guard them carefully." —Reuter.

#### BIRTHDAY MESSAGE

Tokyo, Apr. 28. President Eisenhower, in a birthday message today to Japanese Emperor Hirohito, said mutual problems could best be solved "through continuation of mutual trust and friendship between our two peoples."

The message said: "I wish to assure you and the Japanese people of my active interest in our mutual problems and of my sincere belief that their solution will best be obtained through a continuation of the mutual trust and friendship between our two peoples."

The Emperor was celebrating his 52nd birthday in his Tokyo Palace.

He was entertaining the Diplomatic Corps and Japanese leaders for tea and dinner, and opening the gates of the outer palace gardens for the public to stroll through to sign the Visitors Books. —Reuter.

## Another Truce Talks Meeting

Tokyo, Apr. 29. Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief United Nations negotiator, entered the conference tent at Panmunjom promptly at 11 a.m. hopeful that the Reds had overcome their strange reluctance to name a neutral nation to oversee war prisoners while the two sides decide what to do with them.

Gen. Harrison has warned the Communist negotiators either to get down to business or risk a new break in the truce talks. —United Press.

## And The Orchestra Performed Very Creditably

Hongkong music lovers went to Queen's College last night to hear two things. The first was to listen and to enjoy the immaculate artistry of Louis Kentner, the pianist; the other to find out whether a local orchestra could in any way measure up to the exacting demands of assisting the celebrated pianist through a Beethoven Concerto.

Though the Sino-British Orchestra did not perhaps fully meet requirements, it played remarkably well and gave a creditable performance under the conductorship of Prof. Arrigo Foa.

Co-ordination, neat entries of the various sections of the orchestra (though faulty in the last movement) good tone of the woodwind and strings, fine expression in climactic passages when the full orchestra was in force, marked a memorable performance by the Sino-British Orchestra.

Kentner and the orchestra, together brought out the intrinsic beauty and magnificence of Beethoven.

This C minor Piano Concerto was well chosen, for it offered a good opportunity for the orchestra to show off its capabilities.

Like Beethoven's No 1 and No 2 concertos, this began with an "Allegro con brio."

The orchestra announced the opening phrase in a striking manner. Mr Kentner's piano then entered and took up the theme, and from then on the orchestra did the accompanying. The first violins, led by Mrs. Moyra Ren, gave a lovely hushed "piano". The orchestra then introduced a second theme, a melody which in contrast to the first, flowed where the other leapt, and was calm where the other was restlessly energetic and forceful.

GIVEN MORE SCOPE

The second movement gave more scope for Mr Kentner to display his artistry in the florid scale passages, arpeggios and embellishments. The piano wandered off but was brought to reality when a conversation was started between bassoons, and flutes against a background of distant violins.

In the lively Rondo, the Orchestra asserted itself again, in full force of dramatic sweeps and climactic crescendos.

There was more than mere moonlight in Beethoven's Sonata by that name when Kentner filled the tranquil "Adagio Sostenuto" with the pure splendour of flowing triplets. The "Presto agitato" needed and received virtuoso playing. The "Appassionata" was a contrast. Here was Kentner interpreting the unbridled emotions of Beethoven: agitated chords, oblique runs in "Allegro Assai", soothing calm in the "Andante con moto" and animation in the "Allegro ma non troppo."

Two encores, Beethoven's "Für Elise" and Schubert's "Moment Musical" completed an enjoyable evening of good music. —Trent Loo.

## GUERRILLAS RANSACK TOWN

Rangoon, Apr. 28. Chinese Nationalist guerrillas today ransacked and burned the small outpost town of Nam Tung, near Lashio, in North Burma, it was announced here.

Two guerrillas were killed in the fighting and two policemen and two local civilians also lost their lives, the announcement added. —Associated Press.

## SOLDIERS' MURDER TRIAL POLICE OFFICER'S BICYCLE TEST DESCRIBED

Evidence that he carried out a test riding on a bicycle from Camp 61 to the top of the first gradient along Route 2 was given by Det. Sub-Insp. R. F. Smith, at the continued hearing of the murder trial of two British soldiers before Mr Justice T. J. Gould, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The witness said that he was accompanied by Liu To-leung, (a taxi-cyclist who gave evidence yesterday that he took the deceased woman as a pillion passenger), and that they covered the distance in 32 minutes. (The spot where they arrived at was said by the Crown to be the scene of an alleged interception of Liu and his passenger by the two accused.)

On trial are L/Cpl George Robert Doughty, 24, Swanton, Scarborough, and Trooper Douglas Derrick Dalton, 19, of Southampton, both attached to Headquarters, 35 Infantry Brigade, New Territories.

They are charged with the murder of a woman, Ho Sze-mui, 33, a NAAFI employee, whose body was found in a ditch off the motor road leading from the Fanling Cross Road to Sek Kong on the afternoon of December 23, 1952.

The Crown alleges that the two accused, after intercepting the deceased who was a pillion passenger of a taxi-cyclist on a road to Sek Kong Camp, attacked her with a pair of handcuffs causing wounds on the head from which she died three days afterwards.

Mr Charles E. Loseby, QC, instructed by Mr A. M. L. Soares, is appearing for the first accused, while Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr W. C. R. Carr, represents the second accused.

Appearing for the Crown are Mr A. Hooton, Solicitor-General, and Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel, Mr D. G. Macpherson and Det. Insp. R. F. Smith were present for the Police.

The Jury empanelled comprises six men and women. Det. Sub-Insp. R. F. Smith, officer in charge of investigation of the case said this morning that he was familiar with the area of Kam Tin and Fanling. He pointed out a map the location of the Kam Tin Restaurant, a bicycle shop in that village, the Sek Kong Camp, the Pat Heung Police Station, the Dodwell's Ridge Camp or Camp 61 and the Church of England Soldiers' Institute (in Fanling).

FAIRLY STEEP

He described Route 2 from Kam Tin to Fanling as fairly steep, although the road from Kam Tin to the first intersection was fairly level. The ground began to rise and become more steep on reaching the top of the gradient. The road from the last cross-roads to Fanling, however, was fairly level.

The other road from Kam Tin to Fanling via Lok Ma Chau Road was generally speaking straighter and level all the way, witness said.

Witness said that he made a bicycle test relating to time travelling from Camp 61 to the top first gradient along Route 2. He was accompanied by Liu To-leung who had a woman pillion passenger and they covered the distance, in 32 minutes. During the journey they had to dismount three times due to the steep inclines.

SECOND TEST

Witness said he made another cycle test from a bicycle shop in Kam Tin to the same point and it took him 16 minutes. He was accompanied by another police officer.

The taxi-cyclist, Liu, did not make any identification, witness said. Another taxi-cyclist, Liu Sing, however made a false identification.

Two bottles were found near the spot where the body of the deceased was found, witness continued.

Witness said he took formal possession of a record book from a bicycle shop in Fanling and a pair of handcuffs from HQ 35 Brigade, Sek Kong.

At this point, Mr Hooton informed his Lordship that he was now seeking to tender evidence, statements made by the accused.

His Lordship informed the Jury that arguments on the admissibility of these statements would proceed and that they need not be present. He then discharged them until 2.30 p.m. today.

## Britain Orders New Fighters

London, Apr. 28. The British Government has placed orders for a "substantial number" of a secret type of jet twin-engined fighters with the firm of Vickers Armstrong, it was announced here tonight.

The only detail revealed about this new type of plane was that it was built on the basis of the Supermarine 508, a twin-engined interception fighter plane intended for carrier-based aviation.

The Supermarine 508 has just completed with success landing trials and is considered as the fastest and most powerful plane so far produced for carrier-based aircraft. It is propelled by two Turbojet Rolls Royce Avon engines. —France-Press.

## Unregistered Rubber

Singapore, Apr. 29. Action L to be taken against a local rubber export firm which allegedly has continued to pack rubber without registering it with the authorities, it was learned today.

Reliable sources said the Malayan Rubber Export Registration Board would take action against the firm, in the first prosecution undertaken by the Board since the rubber shipping and packing control ordinance came into force on January 1 in Singapore.

The board was set up to register and license the rubber trade for the first time in Malaya's history after complaints against the quality of Malayan rubber by overseas buyers. —United Press.

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